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Kimio MISEKI ) Group Art Unit: 2655  
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Application No.: 09/803,998 ) Examiner: MCFADDEN, Susan Iris  
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For: SPEECH ENCODING AND )  
DECODING METHOD AND )  
ELECTRONIC APPARATUS FOR )  
SYNTHESIZING SPEECH )  
SIGNALS USING EXCITATION )  
SIGNALS (as amended) )

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 13, 2004, the period for response to which extends through July 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper and begin on page 2.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper and begin on page 12.